(*a*) *Mr. Santanam Iyengar.*—Some kind of controlling authority over the Chief Court is necessary. In British India, litigants can have an appeal to the Privy Council over the decisions of High Courts.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) Cannot be done.

(*b*) Withdrawn.

SUBJECT NO. 24.

Improvement of Judicial Department.

(1) Mr. H. Narasinga Rao, Bar Association, Mysore.
(2) Mr. Surasastri, Chikballapur taluk.
(1 to 5) Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Judicial Department is no less technical than the Engineering or the Medical and it requires as much specialising as either of them in view of the minute intricacies of law and ever increasing mass of literature on the several branches of law.

(1) The Munsiffs, the Subordinate Judges, the City Magistrates, the Special Magistrate of Gold Fields and the Registrar of the Chief Court, the District Judges and the Judges of the Chief Court should form a separate cadre by themselves and no officer foreign to the department should be brought into it. Officers in the department should be given to understand that they ought to look for promotion in the department itself.

(2) Only practising advocates of not less than 5 years' standing should be selected to the post of Munsiffs.

(3) Regarding the higher appointments in the cadre a fair proportion may be reserved for officers in the department, and the remainder filled up by the appointment of practising advocates of approved ability of not less than 10 years' standing.

(4) The Chief Court should be entrusted with the power to initiate proposals for appointments or promotions from lower ranks to higher ranks of service.

(5) This method of recruitment if pursued will enable an officer to preserve his independence which is essential to the administration of justice and will generally act as an incentive to hard and honest work, to continuous study to keep abreast of the times and to make a mark with a view to reach the top-most step in the ladder.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao represented that the Judicial Department should be regarded as a technical department and that all judicial officers, including the City and Special Magistrates should be formed into one cadre and promotions in the department given among them only. He said that the Bar were grateful for the appointment of Mr. Subbanna as Sub-Judge and urged that the Munsiffs should be recruited solely from among advocates of five years' standing and that the Chief Court should be given the initiative in all matters of appointment.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as possible. The members' suggestions will be noted.